

Dear Dr. Stokes,

I saw your invitation for comments regarding an assay for determining Estrogenic Activity via cell proliferation (Federal Register Vol. 71, No. 199 pages 60748 and 60749).

For a number of years now the concern regarding endocrine disruption has been well known yet without a reliable method for easily determining the level of concern. I have reviewed the Pre-Screen Evaluation and am encouraged by the results that appear to correlate well with ICCVAM reference substances. I would encourage your organization to proceed with a validation of the test method to verify that it is sensitive and accurate.

With numerous products that should be tested a non-animal assay is required to assure results that can be timely, cost effective and reliable. I hope this test method can accomplish that.

Best Regards,

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